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South Vietnam: [Premier Khanh appears to be undergoing a "crisis of confidence" stemming from internal opposition and personal frustrations over the lack of progress against the Viet Cong, according to Ambassador Taylor.]

[It remains unclear whether Khanh's recent "march north" theme represents an effort to rally internal support, or to commit the US to retaliation against North Vietnam, possibly through unilateral South Vietnamese action. Khanh and other leaders, however, apparently feel that the present counterinsurgency programs are inadequate to bring the Viet Cong under control.]

[The amount of pressure on Khanh to surrender power to one of the competing military factions is still uncertain.]

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[Khanh met with top military officers and cabinet ministers in the mountain town of Dalat this week end. The discussions may have concerned a possible power shift or unilateral military moves. The meeting may also have dealt with the question of a negotiated settlement if the struggle against the Viet Cong cannot be brought to an early conclusion militarily.]

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